

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on May 29, 2003, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 9, 24-27, 31 and 32 are amended, claims 1, 3, 6-8, 10, and 28-30 are canceled; as a result, claims 2, 4, 5, 9, 24-27, and 31-36 are now pending in this application.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1, 6-8 and 29-30 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Uzoh (U.S. 6,180,505). Claims 1, 6-8 and 29-30 were canceled without prejudice in favor of filing a Continuation Application to further prosecute these claims. The rejection is therefore mooted.

Claims 1, 3 and 6-8 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by Edelstein et al. (U.S. 6,457,234). Claims 1, 3, and 6-8 were canceled without prejudice in favor of filing a Continuation Application to further prosecute these claims. The rejection is therefore mooted.

Claims 1 and 6 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nagasaka et al. (U.S. 5,308,686). Claims 1 and 6 were canceled without prejudice in favor of filing a Continuation Application to further prosecute these claims. The rejection is therefore mooted.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claim 10 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uzoh, Edelstein et al. or Nagasaka et al. in view of Lin (U.S. 6,301,121). Claim 10 was canceled without prejudice in favor of filing a Continuation Application to further prosecute this claim. The rejection is therefore mooted.

Claim 28 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uzoh, Edelstein et al. or Nagasaka et al. in view of Ota et al. (JP403013558A). Claim 28 was canceled without prejudice in favor of filing a Continuation Application to further prosecute this claim. The rejection is therefore mooted.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 33-36 are allowed.

Claims 2 and 4-5 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 2 and 4-5 were amended in accordance with the objection in the Office Action.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney, John Greaves at (801) 278-9171, or the below signed attorney at (612) 373-6970 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743

Respectfully submitted,

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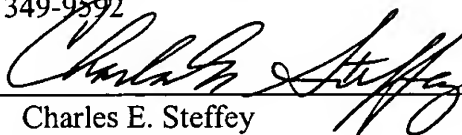
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